

HIS UNSEARCHABLE RICHES

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*Jesus Christ has become everything to me. I am learning Him in a way that is taking me and others I teach into a depth of knowing Him that we have never before experienced. I have come to understand and embrace the words of Paul to the Corinthian church when he said, "For I have determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified."**

My message is and forever will be Jesus Christ. It is my heart, calling, and mandate to preach Him with simplicity and clarity, that He Himself might be presented as a tangible reality.

The Father has chosen to reveal to US the mystery which has been hidden through the ages, that which the prophets could see from afar and the angels longed to look into, the mystery which is:

CHRIST IN YOU, THE HOPE OF GLORY.

*We must know this One who is everything we will ever need, who is the firstborn of a whole new creation, and who overcame everything that needed to be overcome. "For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things."**

It is my prayer that through this message He will be revealed TO you, and IN you. And may you become, with me, an "APPREHENDER" of Jesus Christ.

In Christ's Love,

Don Leavell

*See Endnotes for Scripture reference

His Unsearchable Riches

I feel impregnated with thoughts of Jesus. It is amazing that we live most of our lives not really knowing Him, not really understanding what His life brings to us. I do not know how it is that I have lived being satisfied with what little I have known of Christ. I am at a place where I deplore our lack of knowledge and understanding of Jesus our Lord. When we do not know the truth about something, we can go about daily living feeling so blissful, so content. But when we come to know the truth, it changes our life. The Scripture says, “*My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.*”¹ We are dying with a smile, and it is not because we know; it is because we have no clue why we are here and what our purpose is.

If I were to tell you today that heaven is not my goal, would you think I was apostate? Heaven is NOT my goal any more. Church is not my goal. JESUS IS MY GOAL: knowing Him, pursuing Him, grasping Him. How can we read Scripture and not see Him on every page?² How is it that we find method and reasoning and not see this Man? The whole Bible has been written about A MAN WHO IS EVERYTHING.³ Our Father God, Who is Spirit, Who is Creator, gave us Himself in a Man.⁴ The Son of God is not a little part of God.⁵ The Son of God is God,⁶ and He has been given to us with this Divine purpose in mind: that God would have fellowship with you and me forever!⁷ Therefore, we must understand THIS MAN and all that He is.

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This Man Jesus Christ was not given to us to HELP us out a little bit when we try to do things such as learn mathematics or chemistry, fly an airplane, drive a truck, be a better husband or a better wife. No, THIS MAN was given to us to make us sufficient for all things by the power of His life in us. If we actually apprehend, lay hold of, THIS MAN, then we become adequate in WHATEVER is before us.⁸ I have heard people say things such as, “weak people use Jesus as a crutch.” That is such a ludicrous, nonsensical statement for any sane or spiritually cognizant person to ever make. I do not need Jesus as a crutch; I need Jesus because He is my life.⁹ A crutch helps me to do something a little easier, but Jesus is “my doing.”¹⁰ He is my enablement.

Everything is OF Him, Through Him, and To Him

Now, I realize the Spirit of God is a helper. He is a paraclete in that He comes to our aid in times of need. We need to understand that Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, is the Paraclete¹¹

Who comes to our aid without our prompting. We sometimes forget that He is the One who has given us the desire for Him. He is the One Who has given us the will to call on Him. He is the One Who is actually doing it all; everything is of Him, through Him, and to Him.¹² THIS IS THE TOTALITY OF LIFE! We have been given this tremendous gift, this awesome blessing, and yet we are asking, “What else God?” NOTHING ELSE!

We are waiting somehow to experience “something” and then we think God is going to change us. We have already experienced the Holy Spirit, the life of God, coming into us.¹³ If we never get hold of what that means for us, then we are not going to ever realize the change He makes in us. If the dying of the Lord, the death of Jesus, the resurrection of Jesus, His ascension, His giving us gifts has not changed us, then we are not going to be changed; that is the bottom line. However, the reality is that we personally are being changed, not only day by day, but moment by moment. We are all in a process of change,¹⁴ and God is taking us slowly through this process so that we do not lose anything. He is an awesome God, “*who has blessed us,*” the Bible says, “*with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.*”¹⁵ I am not waiting to have eternal life;¹⁶ I am already experiencing it. We are already experiencing it.

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In our humanity, we want to use God. Our carnality and childishness cause us to look at God and the things of God in a humanistic manner. While we decry humanism in our schools and nation, we view the Lord through our senses. We should not do that because the Bible says that “*God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and truth.*”¹⁷

Jesus Christ is the most awesome gift¹⁸ that God has to give us. God has nothing to give us outside of Himself, so whatever He gives us comes from within Himself.¹⁹ The faith you have, the smile on your face, EVERYTHING you have comes from God. In Spanish, the word “de” means “of or from.” Therefore, when one comes FROM Him, he is also OF Him. You are OF God and FROM God.²⁰ You cannot really, in a true sense, be OF God if you are not FROM God. We should meditate on this truth. We are OF God because we are FROM God. We have literally, LITERALLY, LITERALLY, ACTUALLY been born from heaven! As a believer, you have been born from heaven. Perhaps, today, you do not feel like it, but how you feel has absolutely, unequivocally NOTHING to do with it.

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Is it not amazing that something outside of you is trying to negate what God Himself has put inside your heart? It cannot do it. It CANNOT do it! *A righteous man may fall seven times, and he will get up every time.*²¹ Why? Because there is nothing outside him that can cancel or negate what God placed inside

him. We must understand this awesome truth, this great blessing, this reality of God that is in us, and rid ourselves of natural thinking.²² It is amazing that we sometimes think more of what the world thinks of us than what God thinks of us. We ought to give ourselves with total abandonment to Jesus, and say, “Lord, whatever we are, we are Yours,” as did the people in Scripture who came to David saying, “We are yours, we have come for peace, we have come to do the will of God.”²³

He Has a Body in the Earth Doing His Business

The apostle Paul blesses me as I understand how he saw himself fulfilling Scripture. Isaiah 49 says, “I have set you as a light to the Gentiles that you should be for salvation to the ends of the earth.”²⁴ Paul saw himself fulfilling this verse. This is clearly a Messianic Scripture. We are His body.²⁵ We are bone of His bones and flesh of His flesh.²⁶

Without doubt, God has written in the Bible things concerning you and me. This must bless you and excite your heart. I think we can see destiny and predestination written all over that. As Paul says, “[we] are not mere men,”²⁷ not just some folks who

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“happened”²⁸ to get saved, who “happen” to be going to heaven, who “happen” to get help from God every millisecond. We are people of destiny,²⁹ people who are in union with God right now.³⁰ We are not GOING TO BE in union, we are RIGHT NOW in union with God. We are the body of Christ on the earth. Jesus is sitting on the throne of the Father and is ruling the universe.³¹ HE HAS A BODY IN THE EARTH DOING HIS BUSINESS.³² We are that body!

This is a mystery of God, the mystery of Christ.³³ But the knowledge of Jesus removes the veil of mystery.³⁴ I used to wonder why the writer of Hebrews talked about *entering behind*

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*the veil.*³⁵ He did so because when Jesus died, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom³⁶ without human hands. God was making for us a way to Himself through the veil of the Body of Jesus Christ. WOW! We enter into eternal life through the Body of the Lord. When the Roman’s spear

pierced His side and cut His flesh open, a birthing took place for you and me that was a REAL birth. God showed it: blood and water. Birth took place when we entered the veil. Entering the veil is in a sense being privy to His mystery.

We enter the veil, a place where ordinary men and women cannot go. We enter into a realm that is a mystery to everyone else. We enter into a place where we sit down with God.³⁷ We do not need to wait to sit down with God one day in heaven. WE SIT DOWN RIGHT NOW IN THIS MOMENT WITH GOD THROUGH CHRIST JESUS. We commune with the

Almighty God through His Son Jesus and by the Holy Spirit. We have His Reality living inside our hearts. I do not know how a person can get closer than that! Many of us are waiting to see Him outside of ourselves, but if we cannot see Him inside our hearts, we may never appreciate the One we call God. He has done something for the Church that is so beyond awesome. It is so amazing, and I cannot believe that I have not been able to see it before now. We have been given the opportunity to lay hold of the Lord and have not done so. What do you do when you come face to face with God, when not only you embrace Him, but also He embraces you?

The Treasure is Christ Himself

EVERYTHING that we want or need is in a MAN—Jesus Christ.³⁸ ALL that we will ever do is because of this MAN. Why do we treat HIM so casually? Why do we still want to use faith to gain things? Why not use faith to gain HIM?³⁹ Faith comes from Him alone.⁴⁰ It is of and through Him. The material things that I gain mean nothing to me. The real treasure is knowing Him. The treasure is not that He gives us things. Stuff is stuff! The treasure is He HIMSELF!⁴¹ Do you really value Him?

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In Romans 11, Paul talks about you and me as so-called Gentile believers being grafted into *the root and fatness of the olive tree*.⁴² What he is saying is that God, with His tremendous wisdom, grafted us into the root and the fatness of the patriarchal blessings of Abraham. In other words, God made it possible for you and me to have blessings that He promised to Abraham. He promised them to Abraham AND TO HIS SEED, and his Seed is CHRIST.⁴³

So in the great wisdom of God, He says, “this is how all of you can have these blessings. I am going to give you to the Seed, and I am going to give the Seed to you.” So then, now we have THIS MAN called CHRIST. We have THIS MAN called JESUS. We have Him right now. So do not seek to use Him in order to get what you think is important. Use your time to apprehend more of this Man Who is the reality of God, Who is the treasure of God. USE YOUR ENERGY TO KNOW HIM. Have you noticed what faith sermons are usually about? Faith sermons are usually about obtaining stuff. Stuff is not the treasure! Can you imagine this awesome Treasure sitting in heaven on the throne of God? I can imagine Him weeping at His body not apprehending who He is.

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In Romans 11:25 Paul says, “*For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of*

*this mystery.*⁴⁴ He uses this word “mystery” often because the message of Christ is veiled. Many believers cannot see it because it is veiled.⁴⁵ The greatness of God is veiled even in human flesh. Paul refers to Jesus as the fullness of the Godhead in bodily form.⁴⁶ To me this is an awesome mystery because God found a way to contain what could not be contained and placed it in a MAN.⁴⁷ Can you take infinity and put it into finite form, as it were? That is what God did. He took it and put it in this Person. That is a mystery. Paul said, “*I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery.*”⁴⁸ This has to do with the body of Christ, you and me, being placed into the root and the fatness,⁴⁹ which are all the blessings that God promised Abraham, the patriarchal blessings given to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, all the blessings that would be fulfilled when a certain Man came into the world. “*All the nations of the earth shall be blessed.*”⁵⁰

You and I not only have inherited Israel, but rather, what we have inherited has to do with a promise that you and I received from our parent, Abraham. We have not only inherited that little piece of land, that little troubled strip, we have also inherited the earth, the universe, all that is of God.⁵¹ The kingdom is for the children of God. All of these things are ours. God has given us the whole Kingdom. It is not just a little quarter of an acre with a house on it, or half an acre with a bigger house on it. That is not what God has for us. God gave us His Son, and He says that if we will receive Him, we receive all His blessings forever.⁵² He says, “I have predestined you; I have placed you in My Son before the foundation of the world.”⁵³ I have

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reconciled you to Myself through Him and by Him,⁵⁴ and by placing you in Him I am going to bring you back to Me. Now together We are going to rule the whole of creation.”⁵⁵ That is what God wants, and that is what He is saying to the body.

When God says that *the knowledge of the glory of the Lord* shall cover the earth like *the waters cover the sea*,⁵⁶ He is saying that NOTHING can stop what goes out from His mouth. The Bible says that *the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.*⁵⁷ Think about that—irrevocable! You cannot take the words when they go out of

God’s mouth, gather them together, stuff them back in, and put some duct tape over His mouth. You cannot muffle God’s voice!⁵⁸ That is what IRREVOCABLE means. God has called us, and there is no devil, demon, or satanic agent that can alter or stop what God says about us. The God we serve is not a God of temporary blessings⁵⁹ Who blesses us for a while. He does not do that. He says, “if you will confess Jesus...there will become a rumbling, a shaking in your own life.”⁶⁰ It will shake you. It will save you. That same salvation will permeate your whole house.⁶¹ Your children may become disobedient or rebellious, but God says, “I will save them.” That is what God is saying to us in the scripture. But do we believe it? God says, “Johnny is going to be saved.” But all we talk about is his disobedience.

This Great Salvation

The Gospel is good news. There is, however, no good news in being saved today and lost tomorrow, or being saved as long as our performance is perfect. I am going to tell you something: you did not have the idea to get saved in the first place.⁶² It was His idea; it was a

You didn't have the idea to get saved. IT WAS GOD'S IDEA. God idea. God saved you! And He says to you and to me, "Go tell the whole world that I died for their sin, and I want to save every one of them."⁶³ The Bible says it is not God's will that any should perish.⁶⁴ Therefore, you and I should be zealous in going to the world and proclaiming, "God wants to save you!" Go reconcile them. Tell them, "be reconciled to God. God sent His Son."

The world hates Jesus.⁶⁵ Do you know why? They hate Him because He is the only answer. They do not hate Buddha, they do not hate Mohammed, and they do not hate any other "deities" in the world. They hate Jesus because He is the only One Who deals with the LIE! There is the Truth, and there is the lie. They are diametrically opposed to each other. When the Spirit of God comes into your heart, He begins to attack the lie that is in you.⁶⁶ You need to know this. There is conflict in every believer. If you say there is no conflict in you, you are not telling the truth. There is conflict in us, and He is eradicating, digging out, and uprooting it. He is working in us *both to will and to do for His good pleasure.*⁶⁷ Our responsibility is to believe. Our part is to have faith and to trust Him.⁶⁸

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Sometimes I think back on the emphasis of past teachings. I thank God that we were taught the Word of God, but the message that was preached seemed to mostly be about what YOU need to do. We heard more "YOU, YOU, YOU" in church than we heard "HIM." We heard things like, "YOU have to....YOU need to....YOU should....YOU better not...." It was

All law can do is make you miserable. mostly law, and law cannot save us. All law can do is make us miserable, make us look at ourselves and see hopelessness. We must not continue to allow hopelessness to take control of us because we have Hope inside of us now. I have the Blessed Hope in my heart: JESUS CHRIST! JESUS CHRIST LIVES IN OUR HEARTS! He is the One Who is working things out in us and for us.⁶⁹

Scripture says, "*How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?*"⁷⁰ Salvation is not great as far as I am concerned if I can lose it at any moment. Salvation is not great if I have to keep it by my own power.⁷¹ Please, do not misunderstand what I am saying. If you say, "I'm saved, therefore I can live in debauchery," you are telling me that you have not understood my message nor salvation. When we really see what God has done for us, it drives us to our

knees. It makes us say, "O my God, what a sinful person I am."

It makes us say, "O God, You've done wonderful things for me, and I've not known it. I have not shown You appreciation."

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but not license.⁷² When we know what God has done for us, we become very appreciative of God. I want you to get this in your spirit. I want you to understand in your heart that this Man Jesus Christ has done great things for us and that He is all there is!

When I was a boy I remember thinking that I really did not want to go to hell. I did not want to go to any place that was very hot where I could not leave. I did not want to go there, but I was not too enthusiastic about heaven, either. I had been told that we would not have

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bodies there, that we would be formless spirits.⁷³ I did not like that idea. Therefore, heaven held little appeal for me other than I did not want to go to hell. I also did not know if I would even like to live forever because I thought I might get bored. What I did not understand was the UNSEARCHABLE RICHES OF CHRIST.⁷⁴

When the Bible talks about *unsearchable riches*, it speaks about riches that cannot be enumerated, that cannot be counted. It is talking about riches that cannot be traced out. They are too great for us to trace out. If we started counting His riches and we lived a billion years, we would still be counting, and it would be as though we had just started. In other words, God is so complete in Himself that He could give some different aspect of Himself to six billion different people everyday for all eternity, and we still would not know all about Him.⁷⁵ Do you think we will be bored? We will not be bored.

The reality is we have so secularized and humanized God that we have made Him in our own image.⁷⁶ We have to get it right. We talk about others needing to get God out of a box, and we have Him in many boxes ourselves. We seem to want to remove Him from someone else's box but not our own. A big problem is that we preach Christ by what we have experienced in life and not by what the Bible says.⁷⁷ We tend to color the Lord through our own eyes, instead of looking at Him through the lens of His own words. I am only saying that we have not told the story like it should be told. The Bible says that the *gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world...and then shall the end come.*⁷⁸ I do not think the end is coming any time soon, not until we publish the message of This Man, Jesus Christ.

We Serve a Covenant God

Romans 11:25: "For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion."⁷⁹ Has that happened, or not? People are wise in their

own opinion because they do not know the mystery. It is not unveiled to them. Christ is not real to them. When we read from Genesis to Revelation, we find that it is not about Moses, Joshua, Caleb, or Samson. It is all Christ, or it is nothing!⁸⁰ We hear stories all the time about these Bible characters and get excited, but the Bible is not about them. Every time the Scripture talks about one of them it is trying to give us some understanding of Christ.⁸¹ When the Bible talks about Samson and his great strength or how he was called of God from his mother's womb, we must know that it is teaching us some aspect of Christ Himself.

Before Samson is born, there is a prophecy given concerning him.⁸² *"From his mother's womb he shall be a Nazirite. No wine shall you drink."* He is to be a Nazirite totally dedicated to the Lord. *"The child shall be a Nazirite...to the day of his death."*⁸³ But look at him. He messes up miserably, yet he is called. I am not giving excuse or exception, but God is saying something to you. He is saying, *"The gifts and the calling of God are IRREVOCABLE."*⁸⁴ Samson keeps going the wrong way, and God keeps taking him back. And finally He says, "Okay, Samson, you want to go in the dungeon, then to the dungeon you will go, but I'll have to go in with you BECAUSE I'M NOT GOING TO LEAVE YOU."⁸⁵

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So God goes in the dungeon with him. Samson gets his eyes dug out, and God stays with him. If you want to take God into the depths of your despair, God says, "I'll go in there with you. That's not what I planned for you, but I'll go in there with you." He does not abandon us. He goes into the dungeon with Samson and He begins to BRUSH HIS HAIR. God begins to stroke his head, and then his hair begins to grow because he is a covenant man. In

other words, God says, "I am the originator of this covenant.⁸⁶ I am the protector of it, and I am the conclusion also!"⁸⁷ You and I, however, have a new covenant, based on better promises.⁸⁸

God and Samson are in the dungeon together. One day the Philistines decide to make sport of Samson, and they send for him in order to mock God. Samson says, "Lord, You've been in the dungeon with me all this time. I can't see. I'm not half the man I used to be, but just one more time I want You to show up!"⁸⁹ This is a guy who walked away, did his own thing, and chose the hard path. Now he says, "God, I don't want to do my own thing anymore." I'm telling you, God has the ability to bring you to a place where you say, "Not my will." God will never leave you nor forsake you, but you can choose a difficult path.

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If you were my child and were being disobedient, I would not kick you out of the house and say, "Get out with the heathen." No, I would take you into the back room and work with you until you were obedient. What makes you think you are a better parent than God? God does not take us and throw us away. What God does is He goes with us wherever we want to go. If we want to go into the dungeon,⁹⁰ He goes to the dungeon, but He deals with us there.⁹¹

Let us continue looking at the example of Samson. He is now about to be made sport of. He says to a young lad, "take me to those two big pillars that hold up this stadium."⁹²

And the little boy says, "Yes, Mr. Samson."

The Bible does not say this, but I think Samson says to the boy, "Son, when you take me there, run as far away from here as you can."

The boy says, "Sir?"

And he says, "Run as far away as you can. Don't say anything to anyone. Get out of here." Then Samson puts his arms around the pillars of the stadium and begins to glorify the One Who has never left him, the One Who has never forsaken him. He begins glorifying

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Him. I am sure that in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Spirit of God he begins to pull down those pillars. The Philistines who are making a mockery of him have no idea that his God has never left him. They probably think his God has left him because none of the so-called gods of the heathen would have gone into a dungeon to be with anyone. That is the way the world thinks. But YOU ought not think like that. Suddenly, everything begins to move. It is the Spirit of God. It is not human flesh. It is not human hair. It is COVENANT! We serve a Covenant God. HE IS A GOD OF COVENANT!⁹³

The Bible is all about this Man, not Samson, but the One who was his strength! I have seen folks with their doctrine a little askew but who knew The Man Christ Jesus. I am not telling you that correct doctrine does not matter. I am only saying to you that I have seen people with their doctrine a bit askew; actually, I have seen one in the mirror, but they so know The Man that He shows up in spite of it. My wife and I were in a particular church once, and there was a guest preacher. I wondered why the Pastor had invited him. The guy had Abraham parting the sea, Moses offering up his son, and a few other such mess ups, but when he put the Bible down he said, "We're going to have some healing here," and I am telling you God showed up. I want you to understand that nothing substitutes for knowing Christ. If you know Him, He will work out all that little stuff. All the little stuff is not so important. It is important that you know The Man.

In Romans 11, Paul says that blindness has happened in part to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles comes in.⁹⁴ In verse 26 he says, "*And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written.*"⁹⁵ This is an ABSOLUTE STATEMENT. I want you to look at your God. TAKE A LOOK AT HIM! I want you to see the absoluteness here. When the Bible says "*It is written,*" it means

what has been written cannot be changed. You need to understand what God has said can never be altered by man.⁹⁶ God has said great things to you. He has predestined you!⁹⁷ You are not here because of your planning or manipulation, you are here because you are predestined. So get bad attitudes out of your mind. Get attitudes of superiority out of your head. All that stuff makes no sense because the brother or sister who is next to you who does not have a dime is predestined also. If you do not have this world's goods, you are still okay BECAUSE THE ETERNAL FOOD IS THE SAME!

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Let us look at the absolute again. God says, *"All in Israel will be saved... 'The Deliverer will come out of Zion.'"*⁹⁸ That ought to make every believer understand that what God does for one He MUST, not should, do for all.⁹⁹ *"The Deliverer will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob."* Verse 27: *"For this is My covenant with them."*¹⁰⁰ This Man,

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Christ Jesus, says things such as: Father, it is Your will that I should lose nothing that You have given Me.¹⁰¹ Of all those You have given I have not lost one of them.¹⁰² Everyone You gave Me I will raise up at the last day.¹⁰³ Temporary pain and suffering do not nullify the

promises of God. I have some temporary pain and suffering, but sometimes when I look at others I think, I don't have any pain and suffering at all. Whatever I have is temporary, and what it is doing for me is working a far greater weight of glory.¹⁰⁴ Whenever difficulties come, we need to understand that God is working for our glory. Do not always look to be relieved from temporary pain. What we need to be successful is greater capacity for God. The way we get this greater capacity is by being stretched beyond our natural strength!¹⁰⁵

Continuing with verse 27: *"This is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins. Concerning the gospel they are enemies for your sake."*¹⁰⁶ This scripture is saying that our inclusion in the new covenant is predicated upon God concluding ALL under sin. Israel became an enemy of the gospel so that we could be brought into covenant relationship. *"But concerning election, they (Israel) are beloved for the sake of the fathers."*¹⁰⁷ In other words, God made them a promise. He chose them, as He chose us, before they did anything right or wrong. He chose all of us in Christ before the foundation of the world. Oh, how unsearchable are His riches!

Paul then talks about the gifts and the calling of God: *"For as you were once disobedient to God, yet have now obtained mercy through their disobedience, even so these also have now been disobedient, that through the mercy shown you they also may obtain mercy."*¹⁰⁸ This is wisdom from God! What God did in their

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disobedience was find a way to include non-Jews in their blessing plan. He found a way to include us, a people who were without covenant! Remember, Jesus said that salvation is of the Jews.¹⁰⁹ This is why you and I can never boast against Israel. In verse 32, he says, *“For God has committed them all to disobedience, that He might have mercy on all.”*¹¹⁰ That is a Scripture we should never forget. We have now received the riches of His mercy! Keep this in front of you, for when God did this, He made it, as it were, FOOL PROOF that you would be included in salvation.

How Unsearchable are His Riches

Paul, after writing these things, began a praise service. It is seen in verse 33: *“Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!”*¹¹¹

In other words, His decrees concerning our crime are so beyond our natural thoughts! That is what He is talking about. We were criminals. He gave a verdict, and He says it is unsearchable. It is so incredibly wise! It is so filled with knowledge that no one can prosecute us because they cannot follow the wisdom of God. Does it not bless you when brothers like Jude say things like, *“Now unto Him Who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you FAULTLESS”* (emphasis mine). . . .¹¹² Every sinner, everyone who has ever sinned should shout, “PRAISE GOD FOR JESUS!” I believe if you knew experientially that you were slipping into hell right now, you would not be so casual. *“...Present you faultless before the presence of*

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*His glory.”*¹¹³ He says, “This Man saves so completely that there will be no one in the whole universe that can find anything wrong with you. There will not be one voice that will be able to speak against you.” That is the power of The Man Christ Jesus!

I thank God for Paul because God did something in him. And if God did that in Paul, that means that God is able to do it in you and me also. If

God can do a great work in and through one man or woman, then God can do it through any man or woman. So when we see God doing something great in one, we can lift our hands and say, “God, I’m also a candidate.”

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He says, *“His judgments and His ways [are] past finding out!”* We just cannot trace His judgments! If we were trying to track God looking high and low and all around, we just could

not find Him. We could not say, "He's gone this way." We cannot track Him. He is too good for us to be able to do that. He has too many moves! We can never track God! *"For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has become His counselor?"*¹¹⁴ When we read this we have to read it with understanding. Paul is talking about a God who is so beyond anything human, beyond anything earthly, that he asks the questions, *"Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has become His counselor?"* There is no one who can give Him advice. When we think about that we understand no one can say, "Lord, why don't we do it this way? I think this is a better plan." It does not work that way.

Now watch what he says: *"Or who has first given to Him and it shall be repaid to him?"*¹¹⁵ What he is saying is that if we give God \$100 today, it is only because He has first given it to us. If we give Him a smile when we wake up in the morning, it is because He gave it to us. When we say, "I love you, God," it is because He first loved us. IT IS DIVINE INITIATIVE! Everything comes from God. Paul gets so excited that he says, *"For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to Whom be glory forever. AMEN"* (emphasis mine).¹¹⁶

God has put a MAN inside us who has conquered everything that needs to be conquered.

I believe that if we will get this message our lives will be changed. We will be so powerful because God has already put in us not just the seed of greatness, but more than the seed of greatness. It is THE MAN CHRIST JESUS! It is not as a seed that needs to be broken open and germinated, but God has put inside us a MAN who is fully grown. He has put a MAN inside us who has conquered everything that needs to be conquered. God has taken that Man through the Spirit of God and has placed Him inside our hearts. That MAN right now by the Spirit of God is working in us.

There is absolutely NOTHING that the devil can successfully do against us.

I just want to make it plain that there is absolutely NOTHING that the devil can successfully do against us. There is absolutely nothing that demons can perpetrate against our families. There is absolutely nothing that can overtake us. WHAT WE NEED TO DO IS COME TO FAITH IN GOD AND KNOW GOD. Whatever happens to me God knows all about it and there is nothing a

demon can do without His knowledge. He cannot get around God. He cannot go through Him. He cannot go over Him, nor can he burrow under Him. If anything happens to me, God knows all about it. He is able to prevent it, or He can deliver me from it. That is the story. That is our heritage. That is my heritage as a believer.

My God can never leave me. HE CAN NEVER LEAVE ME. I did not say He WILL never leave me. I said He CAN never leave me. Why? If for no other reason than this: He has given His

God can never leave you. He has given His word, and His word is irrevocable.

word. And when He speaks He cannot revoke it because what God says is irrevocable.¹¹⁷ God says, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”¹¹⁸ God cannot take that back because that would cause God, as it were humanly speaking, to disintegrate and cease to be because what He says IS. God says, “I will never leave you.” Why would I feel alone? I am not alone. Jesus, when He was about to be crucified, was not alone. Sweat like great drops of blood was coming from His brow, but He was not alone. His disciples abandoned Him, but He was not alone. He was hanging on a cross with the sin of the world upon Him, but He was not alone. “Father, Father, why have You forsaken Me?”¹¹⁹ But He was not alone. He could not see the Father because of MY sin. He could not feel the Father because of MY sin. But He was never alone!

God Has Given Us Himself

Heaven is not my goal anymore. THE MAN CHRIST JESUS IS MY GOAL! The Bible says, “There is...one Mediator between God and men, THE MAN CHRIST JESUS” (emphasis mine).¹²⁰ When THIS MAN by Himself had purged our sins, He sat

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down! God did not send an army to take care of sin. He sent His Son!

There was one sin problem, though there were billions of people. God sent one MAN: He sent Himself. The Bible shows us in the Book of Genesis that *the seed of the woman is going to crush the head of the enemy*¹²¹ and that *God will provide for Himself the Lamb*.¹²² What God did was reach into Himself and bring out everything we would ever need. What God has done for you and me is give us Himself in Christ Jesus. You are not going to get anything better than that. Believers need, right now, to see Jesus revealed. You and I need to know who Jesus is FOR us and IN us. We need to understand what His life brings to us.

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If you desire to walk in this reality, all you have to do is ask God to reveal Jesus to you. All you have to do is ask Him to work this work in you. He has already given you the faith you need because the faith God gave you is OF Himself. He has given you a part of Himself called FAITH. If you are willing to use it, your life can begin to change right now. That is why Jesus

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often says, “if you have faith.” He does not mean if you can find it because you already have it. He is saying, if you will use your faith, *all things are possible*.¹²³ If you can learn to exercise that part of God that is in you, there is nothing outside of God that can stand up to you. So when someone comes to you and says, “Pray for me,” you can reply, “Okay,

but I want you to exercise faith.” I believe there is a place where we have to help people by believing for them, but what God is trying to get us to do is to exercise what is in us. As we exercise what is in us, we become stronger and stronger. We begin to realize nothing is impossible because we are now operating like God operates. Please, that is not blasphemous. We do begin to operate like God operates, that is, we begin to imitate Him.¹²⁴ What God wants to see is His kids operating like He operates. I remember when I used to watch my son play football. I was more excited about watching him play than playing myself. I used to tell everyone, “there is no one like my boy playing football.” That is what God wants to do with us. He wants to look at us and get excited and say, “They did it just like I do.”

I CAN DO
WHAT GOD
SAYS I CAN DO!

I AM WHO
GOD SAYS I AM!!

I want you to make a declaration with a loud voice. Say:
I AM A SON OF GOD! I HAVE THE LIFE OF GOD!
I CAN DO WHAT GOD SAYS I CAN DO!
I AM WHO GOD SAYS I AM!

When we say the same thing as God says, we will have what we say.

So we must keep believing what God has said. He has given us everything we need. He has given us His Son Jesus Christ Who is everything! We need to apprehend Him as our treasure, as our goal, as God’s unsearchable riches.

A Word from the Editor:

For Your Further Study . . . on the following pages you will find a compilation of scriptures either quoted or referred to in this message. As a disciple seeking to take hold of the truths presented by Pastor Don, you may find this to be a handy reference tool. Other scriptures could be added to this collection, so through your study this listing will probably grow. My prayer is the Holy Spirit Himself will teach you all things that you may become established in the truth regarding the Gospel, the good news, of Jesus Christ.

Endnotes: Scriptures Quoted and Referred To

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OPENING COMMENTS

1 CORINTHIANS 2:2 For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

1 PETER 1:10-12 ¹⁰Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace *that would come* to you, ¹¹searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. ¹²To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven things which angels desire to look into.

COLOSSIANS 1:26-27 ²⁶the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. ²⁷To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

ROMANS 8:29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

ROMANS 11:36 For of Him and through Him and to Him *are* all things, to whom *be* glory forever. Amen.

GALATIANS 1:15-16 ¹⁵But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called *me* through His grace, ¹⁶to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles.

PHILIPPIANS 3:12-14 ¹²Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. ¹³Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, ¹⁴I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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1. HOSEA 4:6 "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge."
2. JOHN 5:39-40 ³⁹"You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. ⁴⁰ But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life."
3. LUKE 24:27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.
ROMANS 11:36 For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.
4. COLOSSIANS 1:19 For it pleased *the Father that* in Him all the fullness should dwell.
COLOSSIANS 1:15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.
5. COLOSSIANS 2:9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.
6. JOHN 10:30 "I and *My* Father are one."

JOHN 14:10-11 ¹⁰ “Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own *authority*; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. ¹¹ Believe Me that I *am* in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.”

7. COLOSSIANS 1:20-22 ²⁰ and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. ²¹ And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled ²² in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight.

8. 2 PETER 1:3 as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue.

2 CORINTHIANS 2:14 Now thanks *be* to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.

PHILIPPIANS 4:11b-13 ¹¹ . . . Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: ¹² I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. ¹³ I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

2 CORINTHIANS 3:5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as *being* from ourselves, but our sufficiency *is* from God.

JOHN 15:4-5 ⁴ “Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. ⁵ “I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.”

9. Colossians 3:4 When Christ *who is* our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

1 CORINTHIANS 8:6 yet for us *there is* one God, the Father, of whom *are* all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom *are* all things, and through whom we *live*.

10. JOHN 15:4-5 See Reference 8.

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11. JOHN 14:16-18 ¹⁶ “And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.”

GALATIANS 4:6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!”

12. ROMANS 11:36 For of Him and through Him and to Him *are* all things, to whom *be* glory forever. Amen.

COLOSSIANS 1:16-17 ¹⁶ For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

13. ROMANS 8:9 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

14. PHILIPPIANS 2:13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for *His* good pleasure.

15. EPHESIANS 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ.

16. JOHN 17:3 “And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.”

17. JOHN 4:24 “God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”
18. JOHN 4:10,14 ¹⁰ Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water. . . .
¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.”
 2 CORINTHIANS 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.
 John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
 ROMANS 11:36 For of Him and through Him and to Him *are* all things, to whom *be* glory forever. Amen.
19. ACTS 17:28a for in Him we live and move and have our being.
 ROMANS 11:36 See Reference 18.
20. 1 JOHN 5:1 Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him.
21. PROVERBS 24:16 For a righteous *man* may fall seven times and rise again, but the wicked shall fall by calamity.
22. ROMANS 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.
23. 1 CHRONICLES 12:18 Then the Spirit came upon Amasai, chief of the captains, *and he said*: “*We are yours, O David; we are on your side, O son of Jesse! Peace, peace to you, and peace to your helpers! For your God helps you....*”
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24. ACTS 13:47 For so the Lord has commanded us: “*I have set you as a light to the Gentiles, that you should be for salvation to the ends of the earth.*”
25. 1 CORINTHIANS 12:27, 12-13 ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. . . .¹²
 For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also *is* Christ. ¹³ For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.
 HEBREWS 10:5 Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: “*Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but a body You have prepared for Me.*”
26. EPHESIANS 5:30 For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.
27. 1 CORINTHIANS 3:3 for you are still carnal. For where *there are* envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like *mere* men?
28. JOHN 15:16 “You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.”
 EPHESIANS 1:4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love.
 1 PETER 1:2 elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.
29. EPHESIANS 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

PHILIPPIANS 1:6 being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ.

JEREMIAH 1:5 “ Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.”

30. COLOSSIANS 2:10 and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

1 CORINTHIANS 6:17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit *with Him*.

31. MATTHEW 28:18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.”

1 CORINTHIANS 15:25 For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet.

COLOSSIANS 2:10 See Reference 30

EPHESIANS 1:20-22 ²⁰ which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated *Him* at His right hand in the heavenly *places*, ²¹ far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. ²² And He put all *things* under His feet, and gave Him *to be* head over all *things* to the church.

32. 1 CORINTHIANS 12:27, 12-13 See Reference 25.

HEBREWS 10:5 See Reference 25

LUKE 19:13 So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, ‘Do business till I come.’

EPHESIANS 1:22-23 ²²And He put all *things* under His feet, and gave Him *to be* head over all *things* to the church, ²³ which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

EPHESIANS 5:30 See Reference 26.

33. EPHESIANS 5:30-32 ³⁰For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. ³¹ “*For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.*” ³² This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

34. COLOSSIANS 2:2-3 ² that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and *attaining* to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ, ³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:3-4,6 ³ But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, ⁴ whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. . . ⁶ For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:9-12 ⁹ But as it is written: “ Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” ¹⁰ But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. ¹¹ For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

35. HEBREWS 6:19 This *hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the *Presence* behind the veil.

36. MARK 15:37-38 ³⁷ And Jesus cried out with a loud voice, and breathed His last. ³⁸ Then the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

37. EPHESIANS 2:6 and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus.

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38. COLOSSIANS 2:9-10 ⁹ For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; ¹⁰ and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

39. JOHN 6:28-29 ²⁸ Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?"
²⁹ Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent."
40. EPHESIANS 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God.
41. COLOSSIANS 2:2-3 ² that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and *attaining* to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ, ³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.
 HEBREWS 11:26 esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.
42. ROMANS 11:16-18a ¹⁶ For if the firstfruit is holy, the lump is also holy; and if the root is holy, so are the branches. ¹⁷ And if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and with them became a partaker of the root and fatness of the olive tree, ¹⁸ do not boast against the branches.
43. GALATIANS 3:16 Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "*And to your Seed,*" who is Christ.
44. ROMANS 11:25 For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.
45. 1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-7 ⁶ However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. ⁷ But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden *wisdom* which God ordained before the ages for our glory.
46. COLOSSIANS 2:9 See Reference 5.
47. 2 CHRONICLES 6:18 "But will God indeed dwell with men on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You. How much less this temple which I have built!"
48. ROMANS 11:25 See Reference 44.
49. ROMANS 11:17 See Reference 42.
50. GENESIS 26:4 And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed.
51. EPHESIANS 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ.
 1 PETER 1:3-4 ³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you.
 LUKE 12:32 "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."
52. HEBREWS 9:15 And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.
53. EPHESIANS 1:4-5 ⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, ⁵ having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will.

54. ROMANS 5:10-11 ¹⁰ For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. ¹¹ And not only *that*, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

55. 2 TIMOTHY 2:12 If we endure, We shall also reign with *Him*. If we deny *Him*, He also will deny us.
REVELATION 22:5 There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.
DANIEL 7:18 But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.

56. HABAKKUK 2:14 For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

57. ROMANS 11:29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.
PSALM 89:34 My covenant I will not break, nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips.
ISAIAH 55:11 So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it.

58. ISAIAH 55:11 See Reference 57.
PSALM 50:3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep silent; a fire shall devour before Him, and it shall be very tempestuous all around Him.

59. GENESIS 12:2-3 ²“I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”
GENESIS 22:18 “In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.”
DEUTERONOMY 7:9 Therefore know that the LORD your God, He *is* God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments.

60. 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.
ACTS 9:3-6, 20, 23 ³ As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. ⁴ Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?” ⁵ And he said, “Who are You, Lord?” Then the Lord said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It *is* hard for you to kick against the goads.” ⁶ So he, trembling and astonished, said, “Lord, what do You want me to do?” Then the Lord *said* to him, “Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do....”²⁰ Immediately he preached the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God...²³ Now after many days were past, the Jews plotted to kill him.

61. ACTS 16:31 So they said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.”

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62. JOHN 6:65 And He said, “Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father.”

ROMANS 3:10-11 ¹⁰ As it is written: “*There is none righteous, no, not one;*” ¹¹ *There is none who understands; there is none who seeks after God.*

63. MATTHEW 28:19 “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

ACTS 1:8 “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

GALATIANS 1:4 [Christ] who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father.

- 2 PETER 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.
64. MATTHEW 18:14 “Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.”
65. JOHN 7:7 “The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it that its works are evil.”
 JOHN 15:22-25 ²² “If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. ²³ He who hates Me hates My Father also. ²⁴ If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father. ²⁵ But *this happened* that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, ‘*They hated Me without a cause.*’”
66. ROMANS 12:1-2 ¹ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.
 2 CORINTHIANS 10:3-6 ³ For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. ⁴ For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, ⁵ casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, ⁶ and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.
67. PHILIPPIANS 2:13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.
68. HEBREWS 11:6 But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.
 JOHN 6:28-29 See Reference 39.
 1 JOHN 5:4-5 ⁴ For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world our faith. ⁵ Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?
 MARK 9:23 Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things *are* possible to him who believes.”
69. PHILIPPIANS 2:13 See Reference 67.
70. HEBREWS 2:3a how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation...?
71. 1 PETER 1:5 [you] who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
72. GALATIANS 5:13 For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not *use* liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.
 ROMANS 6:12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.
73. PHILIPPIANS 3:21 who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.
74. EPHESIANS 3:8 To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ.
75. JOHN 21:25 And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.
 JOHN 17:3 See Reference 16.
76. ACTS 17:29 Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man’s devising.

77. 2 TIMOTHY 4:2a, 4² Preach the word!..⁴ and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

78. MATTHEW 24:14 “And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.”

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79. ROMANS 11:25 See Reference 44.

80. LUKE 24:27, 44-45⁴⁴ And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself... Then He said to them, “These *are* the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and *the* Prophets and *the* Psalms concerning Me.”⁴⁵ And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.

JOHN 5:39 “You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.”

81. JOHN 5:39 See Reference 2.

ROMANS 15:4 For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

82. JUDGES 13:3, 5³ And the Angel of the LORD appeared to the woman and said to her, “Indeed now, you are barren and have borne no children, but you shall conceive and bear a son....⁵ For behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. And no razor shall come upon his head, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb; and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.”

83. JUDGES 13:7 And He said to me, “Behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. Now drink no wine or *similar* drink, nor eat anything unclean, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb to the day of his death.”

84. ROMANS 11:29 See Reference 57.

85. HEBREWS 13:5 *Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”*

JOSHUA 1:5 “No man shall *be able to* stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you.”

HEBREWS 13:8 Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday, today, and forever.

86. JUDGES 13:5 “For behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. And no razor shall come upon his head, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb; and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.”

JUDGES 16:22, 28²² However, the hair of his head began to grow again after it had been shaven....²⁸

Then Samson called to the LORD, saying, “O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray! Strengthen me, I pray, just this once, O God, that I may with one *blow* take vengeance on the Philistines for my two eyes!”

87. PSALM 89:34 See Reference 57.

88. HEBREWS 8:6 *But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.*

89. JUDGES 16:28 Then Samson called to the LORD, saying, “O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray! Strengthen me, I pray, just this once, O God, that I may with one *blow* take vengeance on the Philistines for my two eyes!”

90. PSALM 139:8 If I ascend into heaven, You *are* there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You *are there*.

91. "God has a way of taking us from 'give me' to 'make me.'" Luke 15:12,19 ¹² And the younger of them said to *his* father, "Father, GIVE ME the portion of goods that falls *to me*." So he divided to them *his* livelihood... ¹⁹ "and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. MAKE ME like one of your hired servants."
92. JUDGES 16:26 Then Samson said to the lad who held him by the hand, "Let me feel the pillars which support the temple, so that I can lean on them."
93. JUDGES 2:1 Then the Angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said: "I led you up from Egypt and brought you to the land of which I swore to your fathers; and I said, 'I will never break My covenant with you.'" HEBREWS 13:5 *Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."*
94. ROMANS 11:25 See Reference 44.
95. ROMANS 11:26 And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "*The Deliverer will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob.*"
96. PSALM 89:34 My covenant I will not break, nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips.
97. ROMANS 8:29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. EPHESIANS 1:5, 11 ⁵ having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will... ¹¹ In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will.
98. ROMANS 11:26 See Reference 95.
99. ROMANS 2:11 For there is no partiality with God. ACTS 10:34 Then Peter opened *his* mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality."
100. ROMANS 11:26-27 ²⁶ And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "*The Deliverer will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; ²⁷ For this is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins.*"
101. JOHN 6:39 "This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day."
102. JOHN 17:12 "While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled."
103. JOHN 6:39-40 ³⁹ "This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. ⁴⁰ And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."
104. 2 CORINTHIANS 4:17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory.
105. 2 CORINTHIANS 1:8-10 ⁸ For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of our trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life. ⁹ Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead, ¹⁰ who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver *us*.

106. ROMANS 11:27-28 ²⁷ *“For this is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins.”* ²⁸
Concerning the gospel *they are* enemies for your sake, but concerning the election *they are* beloved for the sake of the fathers.

107. ROMANS 11:28 See Reference 106.

108. ROMANS 11:30-31 ³⁰ For as you were once disobedient to God, yet have now obtained mercy through their disobedience, ³¹ even so these also have now been disobedient, that through the mercy shown you they also may obtain mercy.

109. JOHN 4:22 “You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews.”

110. ROMANS 11:32 For God has committed them all to disobedience, that He might have mercy on all.

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111. ROMANS 11:33 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable *are* His judgments and His ways past finding out!

112. JUDE 1:24 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present *you* faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy.

113. JUDE 1:24 See Reference 112.

114. ROMANS 11:34 *“For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor?”*

115. ROMANS 11:35 *“Or who has first given to Him and it shall be repaid to him?”*

116. ROMANS 11:36 For of Him and through Him and to Him *are* all things, to whom *be* glory forever. Amen.

117. ISAIAH 55:11 See Reference 57.

118. HEBREWS 13:5 See Reference 85.

119. MATTHEW 27:46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” that is, *“My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”*

GOD HAS GIVEN US HIMSELF pp.13-14

120. 1 TIMOTHY 2:5 For *there is* one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the* Man Christ Jesus.

121. GENESIS 3:15 “And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.”

122. GENESIS 22:7-8 ⁷But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” Then he said, “Look, the fire and the wood, but where *is* the lamb for a burnt offering?” ⁸And Abraham said, “My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering.” So the two of them went together.

123. MARK 9:23 Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things *are* possible to him who believes.”

124. 2 CORINTHIANS 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

1 JOHN 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

1 JOHN 2:6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.